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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner Japanese Office Action dated January 8, 2008, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2007-190015, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-100158 A; Applicants note that this document was made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2006;
- (2) Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-263370 A; Applicants note that this document was made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2006;

- (3) Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-116956 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract thereof;
- (4) WO 97/30395 A1, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,282,505; and
- (5) Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-160828 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,038,647.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of documents (1) and (2), which were previously cited in and included with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 13, 2006, are not provided herewith. Copies of documents (3)-(5) are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the aforementioned Japanese Office Action is also attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials. The Examiner is also requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that documents (3)-(5) contained in this Information Disclosure

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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